

MVPC Happenings....



Small Group Sign-ups Today: Be sure to stop by our small groups registration table in the narthex after worship and get signed up for Session II of our small groups program. The Thursday class at the Towers still has openings if this time slot (Th 2-3:30pm) would work for you. Small groups begin September 15. Brochures giving complete details of meeting times, places, and study topics are available on the narthex table or on our website. Registration will continue for one more Sunday. Come join one of these exciting new classes!

Youth Group Update: Join us for the fall kick-off pool party this afternoon from 5-7 pm at the Cummings. There will be fun games (ping pong, corn hole, frisbee, etc.) and food. Address is 750 Glenairy Dr. 30328. Please let the Cummings know if your youth plan on attending so they can plan accordingly.

The Youth will be going to the Braves game on September 22. Game starts at 1:20 pm. Contact John Barber if you are interested in attending.

The Senior Adult Ministry Team (SAM) is sponsoring a lunch on Saturday, 9/14, from 12-2 in Fellowship Hall with a "5 to Thrive" program included. 5 to Thrive is a chance to hear about easy meals that you can make at home with only 5 ingredients or less! There's no cost, but please do let Elo know if you plan to come so we will have enough ingredients for everyone. We will have recipes, shopping lists, and a chance to make one of the meals yourself. You're always welcome to bring a friend!

Child Protection Policy Training: On September 22 all parents and church members who will be involved with youth and children activities are required to attend this training session. The session is from 12:15-2:00pm in the session room. Lunch will be provided. [This training session is mandatory for all who want to help out with our youth and children's ministries.](#)

The September Communion Offering is for the Food Pantry at the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Since its founding at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in 1987, CAC has assisted more than 19,000 families experiencing hardships by providing food, financial assistance, and other services to prevent homelessness and promote self-sufficiency. For more information, go online to: ourcac.org.

Current needs include: canned meats and beef stew, canned fruits and vegetables, dry or evaporated milk, peanut butter, jelly, jello, pudding mix, macaroni and cheese, canned spaghetti sauce and pastas (Spaghetti Os, etc.), instant potatoes, rice, soup, crackers, cookies, and child-friendly snacks.

Please place your donations in the outreach bin near the church office any time during the month of September. Thank you for your generosity.

A New Member/Inquirers Class is starting Sunday, October 6th and running through the rest of the month. Rev. Abernethy will begin a class called Presbyterian 101 that will run during the 10am Church School hour. This class will be for visitors who are curious about Presbyterians, new members who are wondering "What have I just joined?" and even longtime members who are sitting there in the pews thinking, "Now why am I here?" I hope you will consider this class if you fall into one of these categories.

If interested in this class, please email Jill at jill@mvpchurch.org so we will know where to hold the class and have sufficient materials for everyone.

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Liturgist Needed: Contact Barrett if you would like to serve as a liturgist at either the 9 or 11am service.

Presbyterian Women: This year the Day Circle and the Sunday Circle will be doing the Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Rev. Gamble is a pastor who has served the church for more than 30 years. PW welcomes all women of MVPC to attend this Bible Study.

The study guide will be available for purchase today in the Narthex. The cost is \$12. The Sunday Circle will meet on September 8 after the 11:00 service. The Day Circle will meet on September 10 at 10:00. Pearl Attaway will be leading the first lesson: *Words of Love: I Am Your God; You Shall Have No Others*. The Book Circle will meet on September 13 at 10:00. They will be reading *Mademoiselle Chanel* by C. W. Gortner.

Save the date! The PW retreat will be on October 6 after the 11:00 service at Lost Corner Preserve (in Sandy Springs at the corner of Brandon Mill Rd. and Dalrymple Rd). The program will be *Intimacy: Relational and Spiritual*. It will led by Eleanor Barron (Meg Christian's mother).

Pick up a copy of the Special Edition MVPC PW Newsletter in the narthex. The Fall Newsletter is also available in the Narthex or on the church website.

The MVPC Stephen Ministry: Going through a long illness? Empty nest? Retirement not as fulfilling as promised? Stressed to the max? Divorcing? Just lost a job and prospects seem slim? All relatives live far away or stay very busy and you need to fend off loneliness? Just lost a dear friend or spouse and need help processing that loss? Moving and feeling disoriented?

Trained Stephen Ministers are available to be with you during trying times and to see you back to wholeness. Our training helps us keep things confidential while helping you find the courage and resources for moving forward.

To refer, contact our pastor, Barrett, Elo, or Pat Barteel, Stephen leader.

Do you feel a need for prayer? Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org or call the church office at 404-255-2211.

10:00 Sunday Activities for 9/8/19

Childcare: (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)

Children: 1-5 Grade, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* - Kirk Center

In addition to our Growing in Grace and Gratitude Presbyterian curriculum for Children's Church, we will be starting our outreach project making bracelets for our friends in Zambia!

Youth: Confirmation Class - C.E. Building, Room 213

Adults: *Discovery Bible Study* - Chapel

Quest - Session Room

Second Cup - Kirk Center

Financial Update

	Week of 8/26-9/1	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$8,067	\$374,800	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$214	\$10,050	\$5,000
Total	\$8,281	\$384,850	\$547,000

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings*, weekly email, or *Good News* please email them to Terri Clayton, terri@mvpchurch.org.